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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 231
By Gilbert

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Robert J. Booker
to the Registry of Election Finance.

WHEREAS, the elected officials of the State of Tennessee wish to confirm the
appointment of Robert J. Booker as a member of the Registry of Election Finance as prescribed
by Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 2; and

WHEREAS, Governor Don Sundquist has named Robert J. Booker to the Registry of
Election Finance for his outstanding accomplishments as a citizen of Tennessee and his active
interest in promoting fair elections; and

WHEREAS, a native of Knoxville, Robert Booker graduated from Austin High School and
received his bachelor's degree from Knoxville College, where he served as president of the
student body and the campus chapter of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Booker proudly served his country in the U.S. Army in France and
England as an information and education specialist; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Robert Booker was the first African American ever elected from
Knoxville to the state legislature, serving admirably until 1971; and

WHEREAS, for seven years, he served as administrative assistant to Mayor Kyle
Testerman of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Governor Lamar Alexander appointed Robert Booker to the Tennessee Civil
Service Commission, the first African American ever to be appointed to the Commission; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Booker is also an accomplished author; he has published two books: *Two Hundred Years of Black Culture in Knoxville, Tennessee 1791-1991* and *And There was Light ! The 120 Year History of Knoxville College 1875-1995*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Booker is a member of various civic organizations, including the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and the Knoxville Men's Club; and

WHEREAS, he is also a member of the VFW and the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Robert Booker is an exemplary citizen with high ethical standards who will willingly execute the duties of the Registry of Election Finance and offer his excellent advice on matters concerning campaign financial disclosure; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby confirm the appointment of Robert J. Booker to the Registry of Election Finance for a term to expire on January 1, 2002.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Registry of Election Finance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.